

PatCom Meeting Minutes

March 2013

**IEEE-SA Standards Board Patent Committee (PatCom)
Meeting Minutes
4 March 2013
IEEE Operations Center, Piscataway, New Jersey, USA**

Members Present:

Wael Diab
Alex Gelman
Gary Hoffman
Jim Hughes
David Law, Chair
Susan Tatinier, Non-voting
Phil Wennblom

Members Absent:

None

IEEE Outside Legal Counsel:

Claire Topp – Dorsey & Whitney

Guests:

Clint Chaplin
Jean-Philippe Faure
Rob Fish
Paul Houzé
Rich Hulett
John Kulick
Steve Mills
Paul Nikolich
Howard Wolfman
Yu Yuan

Staff:

Catherine Berger
Terry deCourcelle
Chirag Desai
Karen Evangelista
Tricia Gerdon
Yve HoSang

Noelle Humenick
Konstantinos Karachalios
Karen Kenney
Mike Kipness
Mary Lynne Nielsen
Dave Ringle, Administrator
Jim Wendorf
Malia Zaman
Meng Zhao

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Law called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. There was a round of introductions by all present.

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 6.1 Challenges Set by the DoJ – Wennblom**
- 6.2 Consideration for Developing Nations – Nikolich**

There was a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved, as there was no objection to unanimous consent.

3 APPROVAL OF 3 December 2012 PatCom MEETING [MINUTES](#)

There was a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion was approved, as there was no objection to unanimous consent.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE STATISTICS

- a) Number of LoAs Received and Posted
- b) Requests for LoAs – Download Data

Dave Ringle reported that there were 8 LoAs received that were accepted and posted.

Dave reported that IT staff was able to run a query on LoAs downloaded. A report for the period [1 December 2012 – 1 March 2013](#) was attached to the online agenda.

5 OLD BUSINESS

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Challenges Set by the DoJ – Wennblom

Phil Wennblom noted that the DoJ had set out "[Six 'small' proposals for SSOs Before Lunch](#)" during the ITU-T Patent Roundtable in October 2012 as a challenge to SDOs to consider actions they could take to help promote competition among implementers of a standard.

It was noted that DG-Competition also had concerns that were similar.

An ad hoc was formed to discuss the DoJ challenges and to provide recommendations to PatCom, with an expectation that a report will be given at the June PatCom meeting.

The ad hoc members: Phil Wennblom, Chair; Wael Diab; Karen Evangelista; Alex Gelman; Gary Hoffman; Yve HoSang; Jim Hughes; Konstantinos Karachalios; David Law; Dave Ringle; Susan Tatiner; and Don Wright

6.2 Consideration for Developing Nations – Nikolich

Paul Nikolich discussed the concept of patent holders being able to declare preferential licensing terms and conditions for developing nations on a patent letter of assurance submission.

Chair Law asked Paul to build consensus for his concept offline, to consider examining the ProCom Procedural Change Request Form (available from <http://standards.ieee.org/about/sasb/procom/index.html>) for examples of factors to be considered, and to then bring a proposal to a future PatCom meeting.

7 NEXT MEETING

The [next PatCom meeting](#) will be Wednesday, 12 June 2013, in Brussels, Belgium.

It was noted that PatCom will require more time for the June meeting.

AI – Dave Ringle will coordinate with Chair Law and Mary Ellen Hanntz to ensure sufficient time is allotted for the June PatCom meeting.

8 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.